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SUBJ: VISIT OF QATARI MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OFFICIAL TO U.S.

1. ABDUL AZIZ BIN TURKI, ASST DIRECTOR OF GOQ MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, IS PLANNING TO VISIT US FOR ABOUT A WEEK AT END OF NOVEMBER FOR ORIENTATION TO US UNIVERSITIES AND DISCUSSIONS WITH QATARI STUDENTS STUDYING IN US. TURKI WILL VISIT WASHINGTON TO CONFER WITH CULTURAL ATTACHE AT QATARI EMBASSY AND THEN TRAVEL ON TO CENTRAL LOCATIONS IN MICHIGAN AND PERHAPS OKLAHOMA, TO WHICH QATARI STUDENTS WILL BE SUMMONED TO MEET WITH HIM.

2. TURKI IS THE NUMBER THREE MAN IN THE MINISTRY AND THE HIGHEST RANKING QATARI UNDER THE MINISTER. WE HAVE IDENTIFIED HIM AS A GOOD PROSPECT FOR AN IV GRANT AND IN THIS CONTEXT OFFERED TO ARRANGE A PROGRAM FOR HIM WHILE HE IS IN THE US ON THIS TRIP AT GOQ EXPENSE. TURKI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OFFER BUT SAID HE WOULD ONLY BE IN US FOR ABOUT A WEEK, WHICH WOULD BE TAKEN UP PRIMARILY WITH GOQ BUSINESS.

3. WE WOULD LIKE THE DEPT TO TENTATIVELY ARRANGE A FEW ACTIVITIES FOR TURKI, AND HE HAS INDICATED THAT HE COULD POSSIBLY MAKE TIME FOR A LIMITED PROGRAM.

4. DEPT PLEASE CONTACT AFME PRESIDENT VIRGIL CRIPPEN, WITH WHOM TURKI HAS TENTATIVELY AGREED TO MEET TO DISCUSS PROPOSED
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AFME-GOQ CONTRACT. TURKI HAS COMMENTED TO US THAT AFME'S PRICE

IS TOO HIGH, BUT HIS BOSS, KAMAL NAJI, DIRECTOR MINED, HAS AUTHORIZED HIM TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH DRIPPEN. SINCE TURKI ALSO MEMBER OF CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL, WHICH IS CLOSEST THING QATAR HAS TO A LEGISLATURE, REQUEST DEPT ASK SENATOR ABOUREZK TO RECEIVE HIM OR POSSIBLY OFFER LUNCH FOR HIM ON THE HILL.

5. WE HAVE ALSO SUGGESTED TO TURKI THAT HE SHOULD VISIT A BRANCH OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (SUNY) TO OBSERVE FACILITIES SO THAT MINED CAN CONSIDER SENDING QATARI STUDENTS TO SUNY. IN THIS CONNECTION, DEPT PLEASE CONTACT DR. J. CARTER ROWLAND AT STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, FREDONIA, NY 14063. ROWLAND IS ACADEMIC VICE PRESIDENT AND PERSONAL FRIEND OF AMBASSADOR. AMBASSADOR HAS DISCUSSED WITH ROWLAND POSSIBILITY OF SUNY FREDONIA'S ACCEPTING STUDENTS FROM QATAR. ROWLAND WAS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT IDEA AND SAID HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE QATARI VISITORS INTERESTED IN LOOKING AT FREDONIA FACILITIES.

6. TURKI IS YOUNG, INTELLIGENT, AMBITIOUS, AND COULD VERY WELL BE A FUTURE MINISTER OF EDUCATION. HE SPEAKS VERY LIMITED ENGLISH. THIS WILL BE HIS FIRST VISIT TO US. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH US HE HAS BEEN FRANKLY CRITICAL OF U.S. POLICIES IN AREA, BUT WE BELIEVE HE IS BASICALLY WELL DISPOSED TOWARD U.S. AND IT WOULD BE IN OUR INTEREST TO PAY SOME ATTENTION TO HIM WHILE HE IS IN THE STATES.

7. WE WILL ADVISE DEPT OF TURKI'S ITINERARY AS SOON AS WE KNOW IT. IN MEANTIME, WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S MAKING CONTACT WITH DRIPPEN, SENATOR ABOUREZK AND DR. ROWLAND, AND INFORMING US WHETHER THEY ABLE TO RECEIVE TURKI SO THAT WE CAN GIVE HIM IDEA OF HIS POSSIBLE PROGRAM.
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